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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the instant application, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 30, line 25 to page 31, line 11 with the following, with a marked-up copy of the paragraph being included in the appendix attached hereto.

CM-Dex-PA (350 mg) produced by the method described in Example 13 of WO 97/46260, having an average molecular weight of 337K and a carboxymethylation degree (degree of substitution with carboxymethyl groups per constitutional saccharide residue) of 0.4, was dissolved in water (10 ml). To this solution, a solution of trifluoroacetic acid salt of H-Gly-Gly-Gly-Phe-NH-(CH₂)₄-CO-DX-8951 (50 mg) dissolved in methanol (10 ml) was added, and the